

able to the public. In view of the important interests at stake, and the admitted influence of the Association in moulding public opinion, we would urge that there be a large representation of active workers from all the counties. Teachers would do well to realize the fact at once that it is to themselves they must look for support in their profession. Nowhere else is it more true that Heaven helps the men who help themselves.

MR. INSPECTOR SMITH has been relieved of his duties as Inspector of the Hamilton Public Schools, under the pretext of the necessity of having some one to give his whole time to the duties of his position. The Rev. Mr. Mockridge has been appointed in his room and stead. It is more than hinted in the public press that friends of the reverend gentlemen in urging the change have seen in the emoluments of the position, a supplement to a meagre stipend and a relief to the subscription-roll. Be this as it may, we beg leave to enter our protest against the appointment of any active member of another profession to any position requiring time and attention in connection with the schools. Worthy clergymen have generally enough to do with the spiritual concerns of their flock without undertaking a large amount of continuous secular work. He is a very rare man that undertaking dual duties would not make shipwreck of both. The reason given for the dismissal of Mr. Smith may be good, but the reason for the appointment of Mr. Mockridge in the circumstances cannot but be bad. The Hamilton Board of Education has given some signs of bewilderment of late, but we hope they will not suffer themselves to be persuaded to foolish courses. There is no folly like the folly of a school corporation.

#### TEMPERANCE LITERATURE FOR THE SCHOOLS.

THE widest read agitation for the adoption of the "Scott Act" is fittingly accompanied by a movement for the introduction of Temperance literature into the Public School Programme. Dr. Richardson's valuable

book is already placed in the schools of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and at some points in Quebec. Urgent requests were presented to the Hon. Minister of Education for Ontario, during his late educational tour, for the introduction of that or some other Temperance Manual. We heartily endorse the appeal, at least so far as the securing of a literal selection of lessons bearing on Temperance in the new series of school books, if there is not room in the programme for a separate work on the subject. Men cannot be made sober by Act of Parliament. The "Scott Act" will not stop the sale of drink, if people are determined to have it. Instruction of youth in the physiological effect of alcohol on the human system, and on the various aspects, moral, economic, and political, of the drink traffic, side by side with stringent prohibition, is the only sure method of bringing about the extermination of the dire evil which all deplore.

#### THE MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

THE meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held in Montreal, beginning August the 27th, is not only an important historical event, but a very pleasant reminder of our kinship with the men whose genius have done much to narrow the limits of the unknown as well as a graceful tribute on the part of the Association to the vigour and potential greatness of intellectual life in the Dominion. It is not too much to hope that the visit of the *savants* will supply such nutriment to our intellectual system as will enrich its blood and send it bounding through every vein. Notwithstanding the apprehension of the Association as to the experiment, when the idea of coming to Canada was first broached, it may now be taken for granted that success is already assured. At the instance of our late Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne, who has left his mark upon the literary life of the country, the Canadian Parliament has not been slow to recognise the value of the compliment paid to Canada by the Association, and the people in their